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In the Application of
HELMAR VAN SANTEN

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Serial No. 10/538,115

Group Art Unit:

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Title: LIQUID REMOVAL IN A METHOD AND DEVICE FOR IRRADIATING SPOTS
ON A LAYER

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of ONE (1) month to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Because of this extension the time period for response will expire on April 17, 2006. Filed herewith is an executed Declaration.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-1270 in the amount of \$120.00 the fee for this extension; and charge any additional fees except for the Issue Fee, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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